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SUPERIOR DAHLIA GARDENS

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To Our Friends and Customers

Having been in the business of growing dahlias commercially for more than fifteen years, we feel that it should influence you in placing your orders with us, for the following reasons:

We do not send out or list any inferior varieties, but we improve our tubers by selection, no matter what the variety.

Also, all are first class field grown tubers that have not been over forced for show purposes.

Also, we guarantee every tuber we send out to be in good growing condition, and TRUE TO NAME.

If any error is made or any tuber does not grow, we will cheerfully replace same, as your success is our success.

Last year we sent out over twenty thousand tubers, and the list of testimonials we have on file would fill a book larger than this one. We are striving for two points: BETTER DAHLIAS and to teach the world that California does introduce and produce the finest dahlias in cultivation.

We have endeavored to make any point in culture plain, but if any question in your mind arises, as to anything pertaining to dahlias, ask it and enclose postage, and we will be pleased to inform you, as our office force is large enough to take care of any and all inquiries promptly.

Remember, in comparing prices, when you order from us that you are getting quality stock. If you do not grow the best of dahlias, no matter the variety, let us tell you why.

Wishing our former and future dahlia friends the finest of the most beautiful and varied of all flowers in their gardens, we again beg to state, when ordering be sure and get BETTER DAHLIAS: *The prize winners of the nation.*

Superior Dahlia Gardens
Figueroa Street at Forty-Ninth
Los Angeles, California

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INFORMATION

PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

ORDER EARLY.—Your orders are filled in rotation. Ordering early will insure the reservation of varieties that later may be sold out, and save you any disappointments.

SUGGESTIONS TO CUSTOMERS.—If you are not acquainted with the different classes and varieties of Dahlias, would suggest that you leave the selection to us. Send the amount of money you wish to spend, and write us fully if you have any preferences in types or colors, and we will choose the very best varieties possible, in an effort to please you.

TIME OF SHIPMENT.—Unless you give a specific shipping date, your order will be shipped to arrive at the proper time to plant in your locality. If you wish your order shipped at any special time, we will appreciate definite instructions.

PACKING.—No extra charge for packing. Your order will be securely and carefully packed.

SHIPMENTS PREPAID.—All orders will be shipped by Parcel Post, Express or Freight, whichever we deem advisable, prepaid to all parts of the world, unless otherwise stated.

ACCURACY OF DESCRIPTION.—All descriptions and other matter in this Catalog and Cultural Guide will be found to be as nearly in accordance with actual facts as it is possible to write them, great care having been taken to avoid exaggeration in description of varieties.

SUBSTITUTION.—The varieties you select are always sent unless you grant me permission to substitute. If you wish a particular color, rather than a particular variety, many times it is to your advantage to mention the fact. If a substitute is acceptable, be sure to advise us, as otherwise everything is shipped absolutely as ordered.

ERRORS.—While our system of handling orders is as near perfect as possible, in the rush of business errors occasionally occur, and we hope to be promptly notified of such, giving us an opportunity to make proper adjustments. Would suggest that you keep a copy of your order for comparison.

REMITTANCES.—May be made by Check, Post Office or Express Money Order, or Registered Letter, and if for less than \$5.00 can be made in U. S. stamps. Coin and currency should be sent by registered letter. Customers residing outside the United States, please do not send Foreign stamps or currency—a Post Office Order is preferable.

GUARANTEE.—Although we take all possible pains, we will not be held responsible beyond the purchase price. We guarantee every bulb, root and plant we send out to be just as represented, absolutely true-to-name, reach its destination in good growing condition. We will cheerfully replace anything that fails to prove otherwise, and will appreciate your calling our attention to it.

PRICES.—These prices cancel all previous ones. Prices herein are void when my 1923 catalog is issued. Any one variety priced at 25 cents each may be had at \$2.50 per dozen; any one variety priced at 35 cents may be had at \$3.50 per dozen, and so on with 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 varieties. Six of one variety may be had at the dozen rate.

TERMS.—Cash with orders, or in advance of shipment. No shipments made C. O. D.

NAME AND ADDRESS.—Please remember to write your name, street, and number, Post Office, County, State, and Country, if foreign, as plainly as possible; Post Office Box or R. F. D. number if you have one. This will avoid delays and chances for errors.

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History of the Dahlia

The DAHLIA is a native of Mexico, and before the invasion by Cortez was grown by the Aztecs. It was named in honor of Professor Andrew Dahl, a Swedish Botanist, and was first cultivated in Europe about 130 years ago. *Dahlia variabilis*, the forerunner of the common or show Dahlia, was single in its wild state, the first perfectly double flower being obtained by M. Dankelaar of the Botanical Gardens of Belgium in 1814; from this source came the well-known double varieties so common in the gardens of the East half a century ago. *Dahlia Juarezi*, the original Cactus Dahlia, was named after a former President of Mexico and was found in Juxphaur, Mexico, in 1872 by J. T. Vanderberg, and sent by him to an English florist, who exhibited it in England in 1882. Its graceful form and brilliant color at once captured the fancy of flower lovers, and today there is no flower more popular. The progeny of *Dahlia Juarezi* not only "broke" into various colors, but different shapes as well. It was by selecting the most desirable of these and reselecting the finest from each succeeding generation of plants, that the Cactus Dahlia has arrived at its present state of perfection. Pompon forms appeared about 1858-1860; next came the decorative type, which is about 40 years old, and most recently the Hybrid Cactus and the Peony class, which dates back but a few years and have become very popular. Indeed, the marvelous transformation wrought in this wonderful flower in the past 36 years reads more like a tale from Arabian Nights than actual reality.

The Culture of the Dahlia

SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW IF YOU OBSERVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

LOCATION.—The Dahlia is not as particular as most of our flowers, and will succeed under a great many adverse conditions. There are, however, certain locations where Dahlias seem to outdo themselves. An open, sunny location seems to favor them at all times. Dahlias do well on high or low lands, on hillsides or perfectly level land, giving good results in each location.

Many varieties do well in partial shade, producing fully as good flowers as they do in the hot sun, especially for exhibition purposes.

Dahlias will grow and do equally well in any kind of soil, sand, gravel, heavy and light loam. In sand and gravel they form a short, sturdy, compact plant, and in heavy loam and low land they grow tall and rank, blossoming about a week later than those planted at the same time in sandy soil.

PREPARATION.—The soil should be thoroughly cultivated, 8 to 10 inches deep, well pulverized and thoroughly worked over. To secure exceptional results, have your soil spaded in the fall, or as early as practicable in the spring; then, just before planting, have spaded again.

FERTILIZER.—Fertilization is one of the most important factors, to be successful with Dahlias. We all know that the Dahlia requires and takes from the soil certain properties; and in order to keep the soil in correct proportion, the materials the Dahlia takes from the soil must be restored. You can use dressing (either horse, cow, sheep or hen) or chemicals.

The manure restores the properties necessary, and makes the soil light and mellow, keeps it from being heavy and caking, while lime has the same tendency and keeps the soil sweet.

An application of manure (either in liquid or ordinary form) several times throughout the growing season proves very beneficial, furnishing new material for the growing plants and insuring you the very best results.

TIME OF PLANTING.—The time for planting Dahlias varies according to the locality. Dahlias can be planted any time after danger of frost is over, and under ordinary conditions will blossom in from 6 to 8 weeks after they have been planted. It is always best to wait until the ground becomes thoroughly warmed.

PLANTING.—Plant bulbs in hills, laying flat down, 6 inches deep. Do not stand the bulb on end. If you stand the bulb on end, having the sprout near the top of the ground, all the new bulbs which form will grow near the top of the ground and when you have a dry spell your plant becomes stunted; whereas, if the bulbs were planted flat down, 6 inches deep, no matter how dry the season, the bulbs would receive sufficient moisture to keep them growing. If planting with manure, cover manure an inch or so before planting bulbs; fertilizer should be thoroughly worked into the soil. Either fertilizer or manure will burn the sprout; be sure to cover with soil.

By planting the bulb first, then covering an inch or so with soil and applying your fertilizer or manure, your plant receives the entire benefit of the dressing.

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CARE OF PLANTS.—Give thorough cultivation, deep at first and continued once a week until the plants commence to flower. After they commence to blossom do not cultivate, as then is the time the new roots are forming and you are apt to cut off the new tubers, weakening the growth of the plant.

As the shoot or plant commences to show itself above the ground, care should be taken at this time for the prevention of cutworms and other pests that destroy the young shoots.

To obtain the largest and most perfect flowers, only the best and largest buds should be allowed to mature, the others being taken off, enabling the full strength to develop those into exhibition blooms.

WATERING.—The amount of watering depends largely upon the locality and amount of rainfall. In regions where the rainfall is scanty and where sprinkling and irrigation must be regularly practiced, Dahlias should be watered more frequently than in localities where there is abundant rain. Watering is very beneficial, adding perfection to blossoms and richness to color, but do it judiciously. A thorough soaking, with the soil stirred the following day, is excellent; but a constant surface sprinkling every day causes surface roots and soft growth. When you have continuous dry hot weather, I recommend that you water your Dahlias often.

SIZE OF BULBS.—The size of the bulb or tuber does not in any way designate the size or quality of the flower. Some varieties of Dahlias always produce very small bulbs, while other varieties make large ones. Do not consider small bulbs worthless, for they are equally as good and in many cases better than large ones. Medium and small sized bulbs more often produce the finest and highest colored flowers, and in many cases the best and most effective plants. The only requisite of a Dahlia bulb is: Be sure that your bulb has one or two eyes or sprouts, whether large or small, and with proper cultivation, success is generally assured. A clump, root, bulb, or division of a clump, pot-root, cutting, sprout, and even a Dahlia seed, will grow and blossom, all equally well. It is not the size, but the care and cultivation.

Classification of Dahlias

AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

Growers and exhibitors of Dahlias recognize several different classes or groups of Dahlias, based on the form and other characters of the "flower" or head. The extremes in form are very pronounced, and it is usually easy to say into which class a flower is to be placed; but here, as elsewhere in nature, and more especially where nature has been interfered with by man, the lines of separation are not always hard and fast, and it sometimes happens that a variety may be found classified under two and sometimes three different headings in catalogs of different dealers. The names and their applications as recently defined by the American Dahlia Society follow:

SINGLE DAHLIAS.—Open-centered flowers, small to very large, with 8 to 12 floral rays (petals) more or less in one circle, margins often decurved or revolute (turned down or backward). There are no distinctions as to colors. This class embraces the large Century type as well as the small English varieties.

COLLALETTE DAHLIAS.—Of the single type, with not more than 9 large floral rays, but with a circle of smaller, narrower, usually different colored rays standing at the base or in front of the larger rays and forming a sort of collar between them and the open center.

DUPLEX DAHLIAS.—Semi-double flowers; center almost exposed on opening of bud, rays more than 12, in more than one circle, long and flat, or broad and rounded, not noticeably twisted or curled. Many Dahlias previously classed as Peony-flowered belong here.

PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS.—Flowers are semi-double, having two, three or more rows of broad, flat, loosely arranged rays or petals, surrounding an open center, which is usually a conspicuous golden yellow; the inner floral rays being usually curled or twisted, the outer rays either flat, or more or less irregular. Sometimes the rays are pointed, occasionally they curl and twist over the center.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS.—Double flowers, full to the center, early in the season at least; flat rather than ball-shaped, with broad, flat, somewhat loosely arranged floral rays with broad points or rounded tips, which are straight or decurved (turned down or back) not incurved, and with margins revolute, if rolled at all.

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Ball-Shaped, Double Dahlias

(A) **SHOW TYPE**.—Flowers globular or ball shaped, rather than broad or flat, full to the center, showing regular spiral arrangement of florets, with floral rays or petals more or less quilled or with their margins involute (rolled forward or inward) and rounded tip. (Dahlias of this type with flowers spotted, variegated or parti-colored, were formerly classed as Fancy, a group no longer recognized.)

(B) **HYBRID SHOW, GIANT SHOW OR COLOSSAL TYPE**.—Flowers fully double, broadly hemispherical to flatly globular in form, loosely built so spiral arrangement of florets is not immediately evident; floral rays broad, heavy, cupped or quilled, with rounded tips and more or less involute margins. Verging towards the Decorative class and sometimes found classed with the Decoratives.

(C) **POMPON TYPE**.—Same shape and form as A and B, but flowers must be under two inches in diameter.

Cactus Dahlies, Double Flowers

(A) **TRUE FLUTED TYPE**.—Flowers fully double, floral rays or petals long, narrow, incurved or twisted, with sharp, divided or fluted points and with margins revolute (rolled backward or outward), forming in the outer florets a more or less perfect tube for more than half the length of the ray or petal.

(B) **HYBRID CACTUS**.—Flowers fully double, floral rays (petals) short as compared with previous type; broad, flat, recurved or twisted, not sharply pointed except when tips are divided (staghorn), margins only slightly revolute, and tubes of outer florets, if any, less than half the length of the ray or petal. This type tergrades with the Decorative and Peony-flowered classes.

How to Keep Cut Blooms of Dahlias

Freshly cut flowers will keep considerably longer, and wilted flowers, if not in too serious condition, will be entirely restored in appearance, if the following suggestions are followed: Cut blossoms in early part of the day, whenever possible. Fill receptacle with water, as hot as can be borne by one's hand. Plunge the stems, but not the foliage, almost their entire length into the water; let them remain in the water until it cools, then transfer into cold water as in usual manner, with the addition of a quarter teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water. If the stems are particularly hard and wiry, water near boiling point may be used to good advantage. My suggestion would be to try it and be convinced, regulating depth of water to length of stems.



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NEW DAHLIAS

We were under contract to furnish all the seedlings that we produced for five years to one of the large Dahlia growers of the East. As this contract has expired, we will next year introduce some very fine novelties. We are listing two for 1922 delivery and are sure that these are top-notchers.

We will not introduce any that are not found to have every desirable merit that a real first-class Dahlia should have. We believe that there are many Dahlias sold that are not nearly what the price of same calls for, and we are going to uphold our reputation by introducing only BETTER DAHLIAS.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

The cut of this variety cannot give you the exquisite colorings and markings of this beautiful Dahlia. We would class this as a hybrid peony. Its petals, while flat, have peculiar twists and twirls that give the flowers a shape that no other Dahlia we have ever seen has. The plants are of fine habit, prolific bloomers. The flowers have strong, long, straight stems and attain the size of eight inches without undue forcing. The color is hard to describe, being a peculiar, new shade that is between a plum color and crimson. Not a magenta or purple, but a color that is different. Truly in the strain that we are trying to produce, which will be always known as BETTER DAHLIAS.

Each\$10.00

MRS. BASSETT ROBERTSON

A very magnificent hybrid cactus Dahlia that easily attains blooms that measure eight inches across and have a depth of four inches. Exceedingly strong growers and the blooms have straight, strong stems, many of them over four feet in length. The colors are a beautiful shade of velvet crimson, tipped to white, that is different from any Dahlia that we have ever seen. We did not want to disseminate this variety for another year, but as many of our customers who have seen these flowers are very insistent, we are booking this with City of San Diego for 1922 deliveries. Another Better Dahlia, Strong Tubers. Each.....\$7.50

As we will have only a few of these two varieties to sell, advise ordering early. We ask only a 25% deposit with orders for Dahlias for future deliveries.

ABALONE. *Decorative.*

Beautiful shell pink colored flower; good stems and a very free bloomer.\$.75

AMERICA. *Peony.*

A beautiful shade of apricot orange, fine stems, with beautifully formed flower. Very much admired by all visitors at the gardens.75

AMPHION. *Hybrid Cactus.*

English decorative of the Hybrid Cactus type. This rare beauty of soft mauve has fluffy curled and twisted petals; stems long. A charming flower. 1.00



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ANTOINE RIVOIRE. *Peony.*

An elegant habit of growth, with good steps. Color a brilliant ox red, with crimson shading. 1.25

ATTRACTION. *Cactus. Special.*

Large, elegant flowers of a clear lilac rose; long, strong stems. It is an exhibition and garden sort of rare merit, being an attraction at every show in the world 1.25

AUTUMN GLORY. *Peony.*

An immense flower (often 9 in. across) of the true peony flowered type. The color is hard to describe, distinct shade of bronzy cinnamon, burnished with terra-cotta. Some flowers have a broad, copper colored stripe, running the full length of each petal. Strong, robust grower with less foliage than usual; very long, graceful stems and a free and constant bloomer. Great favorite with all lovers of the autumn shades. 2.50

BELOIT. *Cactus.*

Deep rich purplish garnet with crimson suffusion. A strong, vigorous grower with gigantic blooms held on exceptionally long stiff stems. 1.50

BERKELEY. *Peony.*

One of the most beautiful peonys we have in the gardens. Of fine habit, with beautifully formed flowers, that are very large and held above the foliage on long, strong stems. It is one of the few fine yellows, being a clear primrose or lemon yellow of good substance and keeping its color until the flower petals fall. 1.75

BERTHA VON SUTTNER. *Peony.*

This is certainly one of the finest, and while it is not one of the newest is a variety that no garden should be without. Delicate Salmon pink, shaded yellow, of immense size and quite double. Has broad, beautifully twisted petals 1.75

BERCH VAN HEEMSTEDDE. *Decorative.*

A bronzy yellow of distinct form and good size; free-flowering on erect stems; extra fine variety. 1.75

BESSIE BOSTON. *Decorative.*

Deep scarlet, and excepting the color, resembles a big double sunflower, with cleft petals. Splendid stems. 1.50

BIANCA. *Cactus. Special.*

New. One of the best in existence. A very large flower of a beautiful shade of lavender, of a beautiful formation impossible to describe. Very free flowering and has fine long stems, holding the blooms above the foliage, making it an ideal kind for garden as well as show and cut. 1.00

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BORDER KING. *English Cactus.*

Scarlet, with long twisting florets. Fine exhibition flower and one of the earliest to bloom. Very free flowering on strong erect stems. One of the best75

BREEZE LAWN. *Decorative.*

Its flowers are large, frequently over eight inches in diameter, but are not coarse. They have a refinement along with their rich color, an intense fiery red, that is lacking in many of our popular varieties. One of the earliest and most continuous bloomers, holding its fine quality to the end of the season75

CALIFORNIA ENCHANTRESS. *Hybrid Cactus.*

A monster bloom of great substance and a delightful shade of pale pink. Hybrid Cactus are greatly in demand because of their size and erect stems. This has both these admirable qualities, combined with freedom in flowering. Strong tubers 2.50

CHATENAY. *Peony.*

Delightful new Holland Peony flowered Dahlia. The incomparable delicacy and richness of this most interesting variety has excited much comment. In color it is similar to the Chatenay rose; a most pleasing pink, whose beautiful salmon tints form a perfect contrast with the deep green foliage. The beautiful yellow center lends an additional charm to the beauty of the flower. First class certificate at Amsterdam..... .50

CHAMELIAN. *Peony.*

An extra free flowering and certainly an attractive Dahlia. Deep Ruby red shaded with purple and cerise, having faint wide streaks running through same of a darker purple. Impossible to convey the beauty of the coloring by words50

CITY OF PORTLAND. *Peony.*

Beyond doubt one of the grandest Dahlias ever introduced, and we believe the largest Dahlia in existence. The gigantic flowers average 8 to 10 inches in diameter and flowers 11 inches in diameter were produced last summer. Color is a clear, deep, rich yellow. While the flowers are of immense size, still they are not coarse, but give a graceful, artistic effect, either in daylight or lamplight. One could not ask for better stems; they are long and strong, holding the flowers upright and showing to full view. As a cut flower they are ideal, having long stems and fine keeping qualities. The plants are exceedingly strong and vigorous and produce their flowers with unusual freedom, in contrast with deep green foliage. Our stock is limited (Tubers)... 4.00

CLARA SEATON. *Show. Special.*

With possibly one exception (Golden Opportunity), this is undoubtedly the finest Dahlia of this type in existence. The color is a rich golden bronze, with beautifully quilled petals..... .75

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COPPER. *Decorative. Special.*

One of the largest Dahlias to date; broad, fluffy, twisted petals, of a beautiful copper shade, tinted with bronze and apricot, compose a rather full flower on long, stiff stems. Very much admired and a decided acquisition.50

CRAWLEY STAR. *Cosmos Flowering Type.*

Distinct shade of clear, rosy lilac pink with crimson base. Fine for garden and one of the best keeping cut flowers.35

CREAM KING. *Peony.*

An incomparable Dahlia of rare beauty. One of the most popular in the gardens. As the name indicates the coloring is a soft cream. Is of immense size, with long, strong stems and a fine variety for show or cut. This Dahlia has every good quality.75

CRYSTAL. *Cactus.*

A great exhibition flower of large size and splendid form; long twisted incurved tubular petals of a silvery pink, which passes gradually towards the center to a soft ivory white.50

CYGNET. *Cactus.*

Yellow, striped and spotted scarlet; perfectly incurved and erect. Extra free, upright habit75

COUR DE LA PAIX. *Peony.*

A magnificent flower of a lovely heliotrope and salmon rose blended. It is of immense size and has a very distinct twisted form all its own. Has two foot stems and should be in every collection.75

DARLENE. *Decorative.*

A Dahlia far better than Delice, Sylvia or Nymphaea as a cut flower, but possessing the shape and ability to stand shipping that the popular "Delice" possesses. "Darlene" has been the first Dahlia to blossom for the past four years, therefore, proves to be very early; it has long stiff, wirey stems, producing the flowers upright, and with a stem length better than any of the above three varieties. In color, it is an exquisite shade of live shell-pink, with a dainty blending of white at the center. It is a steady and continuous-blossoming Dahlia, and is unquestionably the finest pink and white Decorative Dahlia to date.75

DELICE. *Decorative.*

The finest and most popular pink variety. Its beautiful soft, yet lively color, a glowing rose pink, together with its perfect shape, stout, stiff stems, and the fact that when cut it retains its freshness for a long time, makes this one of the most valuable sorts for cutting as well as garden.35

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DOROTHY DURNBAUGH. *Cactus.*

A most attractive shade of deep rich pink, flowers are immense in size; of fine form and habit, with strong stems, that hold up well; one of the best Cactus Dahlias in cultivation, fine for cutting. Strong field grown tubers... 1.00

DREAM. *Peony.*

New Holland sort of unusual beauty and perfect form; stands erect on long stems; color, conspicuous shade of salmon and amber-like glow..... 1.00

DR. PEARY. *Peony.*

One of the darkest, being a beautiful mahogany red. This is probably the largest bloom of the type and a profuse bloomer. Long stems and beautifully shaped flowers that are magnificent when in vases as well as on the bush.... .75

DR. TEVIS. *Decorative.*

The largest and most beautiful of all decorative Dahlias. The coloring is absolutely unique, a soft salmon rose, suffused with old gold, which deepens to golden apricot towards the center. The flowers average from 9 to 11 inches in diameter, and are borne aloft on absolutely stiff, straight stems of great length. The center of this decorative is one of its strong points. This Dahlia has attracted great attention whenever it has been exhibited, and many California growers have pronounced it the finest and most beautiful Dahlia they have ever seen. The plant is a vigorous and sturdy grower, and a heavy producer of blossoms. "Dr. Tevis" started its first year as a prize winner when it captured the bronze medal as best seedling in 1915, at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibit. In 1916, it won the first prize for the best two-year-old seedling at the California Growers' Association at the Palace Hotel. "Dr. Tevis" continued its prize-winning record in 1917 by winning the gold medal for 25 blooms at the Dahlia Society of California Show at the Palace Hotel, and gold medal at the best three-year-old seedling at the St. Francis Hotel Show, and another gold medal for the best 25 blooms, and gold medal for the best 6 blooms. At the Dahlia Society of California Show at the Palace Hotel in 1918, "Dr. Tevis" received first prize for best 25 blooms, and first prize for 12 blooms; also prize for best single Dahlia in show. At the Dahlia Society of California Show at the Palace Hotel in 1919, "Dr. Tevis" received the second prize for the best 50 blooms and second prize for the best 25 blooms. "Dr. Tevis" was awarded the first prize for the best Dahlia in the amateur class, grown by Mr. A. Simpson. But its biggest triumph was 1917, in the winning of first prize at the Dahlia Society's trial gardens at San Rafael. "Dr. Tevis" won this honor in a competition of nearly 50 other Dahlias..... 1.50

DUCHESS OF BRUNSWICK. *Peony.*

Another of the extra fine Holland peony-flowered varieties. A beautiful shade of red in the center, the outside of the florets being apricot. One that you cannot be without for exhibition purposes as well as cut. Received First Class Certificate at Amsterdam and Haarlem, First Class Certificate National Dahlia Society, and award of merit by Royal Horticultural Society at London75

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EARLE WILLIAMS. *Decorative. Special.*

This is a giant flowering Dahlia, we having grown it as large as 12 inches in diameter. The colors of brilliant crimson and white are well distributed. Plants are very free in bloom. This is one of the finest and most attractive Dahlias ever introduced. Tubers..... 5.00

EDITH CARTER. *Cactus.*

A good size flower of unusual grace and refinement in form and color, which is yellow, heavily tipped with bright, deep, rosy carmine. Habit erect, with flowers held perfectly erect above the foliage with extra stiff long stems. Should be in every up-to-date Dahlia garden..... .50

ETENDARD DE LYON. *Cactus.*

Everyone admires this beautiful carmine rose giant, which is one of the finest varieties for garden decoration. Hybrid cactus type that is distinct in shape from all others, the petals being broad, curled and wavy, forming a flower more than six inches in diameter and four inches deep, but without stiffness or formality. Color a rich Royal purple with a brilliant suffusion difficult to describe50

ESMOND. *Show.*

One of the very best lemon colored show Dahlias for all purposes, including exhibition50

F. W. FELLOWS. *Cactus. Special.*

The largest exhibition cactus yet introduced. Blooms freely on strong stems, often over eight inches across. Petals narrow, straight and very numerous. Of a pure orange yellow color, which always attracts the greatest of attention 1.00

FOREST LOMA. *Peony.*

Deep cerise pink Peony-flowered Dahlia, blotched and streaked canary yellow, with yellow at center. Petals are finely formed and numerous and curled at points. Very large and another erect specimen on good stems.... .75

FUTURITY. *Decorative.*

Large blossoms, of old rose. Beautifully formed. Stem is long, standing well above the foliage. Splendid cut-flower, always in demand and good for every purpose 1.00

GEISHA. *Peony.*

The showiest and most sensational of this type. Superb combination of brilliant scarlet and gold, with an exquisite ring of rich, clear golden yellow at center. Its form is original, petals being peculiarly twisted and curled. This variety has supreme place in the peony-flowered class..... .75



MRS. CARL SALBACH (*See page 22*)

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GEORGE H. MASTICK. *Hybrid Peony.*

Large flowers of many wavy petals, full to center on strong stems. Color is blackish maroon with currant tips to outer rows of petals. As flower ages it shows a yellow disc around center and changes color to a deep crimson. Remarkably free bloomer and beautiful at all stages. This Dahlia received Certificate of Merit at the trial grounds of The American Dahlia Society, 1919, at Storrs, Conn. 2.00

GEORGE WALTERS. *Cactus.*

Always a prize winner. Received the Gold Medal at the P. P. I. E. 1915 and always duplicates where and whenever shown. A hybrid cactus that is a monster, we having had flowers 13 inches in diameter last year in our gardens. The blossoms are freely produced on long stems and are good for any purpose. Erect stems. Coloring is a beautiful pinkish salmon, shading to a yellow base. If you grow one Dahlia, grow this.75

GENERAL JOFFRE. *Decorative.*

A new decorative of a pleasing pink, shading to the center to nearly white. Flowers held erect on good stems. Destined to become one of the leaders for our flowers. First prize at San Francisco Dahlia Show, 1916.75

GIANT GEYSER. *Decorative. Special.*

The largest Dahlia of the decorative Dahlia of this shade, which is a beautiful, dark velvety carmine. This is truly a wonderful flower and the color is magnificent, impossible to describe. 1.00

GLADYS SHERWOOD. *Special. Hybrid Cactus.*

As compared with other white Dahlias this is a giant among pygmies; flower 9 inches in diameter without dis-budding; the flowers are of fine form and are held erect on strong stems, very free flowering; as a garden flower this has no equal among the whites. 7.50

GLORY OF NYKERK. *Special. Peony.*

Rich violet purple, tinted crimson-cerise. Very large and quite full; stout stems. The best of its color we have seen.50

GOLIATH. *English Peony.*

Bright scarlet blooms on long, strong stems. Very free bloomer, very large flowers the shape of Cream King. 1.25

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. *Show.*

Rich buttercup yellow, shaded burnt orange directly in center of each bloom. A sport from the best show Dahlia on record, Clara Seaton. One of our first new varieties 2.50

Superior Dahlia Gardens

BETTER DAHLIAS

GOLDEN WEST. *Decorative.*

A beautifully formed Dahlia of a clear canary yellow color. This is of gigantic size and a distinct shape from any in the gardens. The stems are strong and the flowers held high above the foliage makes this a very desirable variety50

GOLDEN WEST. *Cactus.*

Another California production that is one of the very best of its type, and has been the leader for florists' use in this locality for three years. Its keeping qualities are of the best. Has extra long, strong stems that are graceful and wiry. A very large flower, often six inches across, of a striking old gold color, which makes this one of the most sought after sorts in the gardens. This is the first year that we have been able to have enough stock to offer. . . .35

GRAND DUCHESS MARIE. *Show.*

One of the best. Has long stems and the color is rare, being a soft buff, overlaid orange, with the reverse shaded with pink.75

HARRY DAVIDSON. *Decorative.*

A novelty of an entire new color, originated by Mrs. W. E. Estes. Immense flower. A rich mulberry tipped gold, shading to a golden yellow at center. The flowers are profuse and stand erect above the foliage on fine stems. Often the first flowers come decorative, but later they are peony in form, but attractive in either formation 1.00

HELEN LADD CORBETT. *Peony.*

Very free bloomer, holding its magnificent flowers well above the foliage on long stems. A beautiful, soft, lavender pink of perfect form and great size. . . .75

HELEN DURNBAUGH. *California Hybrid Cactus. Special.*

Delicate blush, deepening rapidly toward the center to an intense, soft glowing pink that defies description; blooms medium to large, and to the touch feels like satin. 1.50

HOLMAN HUNT. *Peony.*

Dark, velvety crimson of exceptional size; very long, strong stems. Extra fine and probably the best dark red peony Dahlia of all.50

HORTULANUS FIAT. *Decorative.*

A magnificent flower of great individuality, with a coloring of a beautiful shade of salmon, blended to yellow at the center, that makes such a delightful combination, placing this variety as supreme among the decoratives. This is one of the most valuable assets to the Dahlia family imported from Holland75

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BETTER DAHLIAS

JANE SELBY. *Decorative.*

Immense pink, true decorative. Unusually fine for cutting and exhibiting. Delicate mauve pink; perfect formation; wonderful stems, long and stiff; and the flower grows well above the foliage. One of the best. 1.00

JOHN GREEN. *Peony.*

A new striking English peony. Somewhat of a Geisha coloring, but entirely different. An intensely brilliant center of pure yellow, that quickly changes to fiery scarlet at the tips. Petals rolled and pointed.50

KALIF. *Cactus.*

A truly majestic flower, frequently measuring over nine inches in diameter. A beautiful pure glowing scarlet of a perfect hybrid cactus form. Habit of plant is all that can be desired with its gigantic flowers produced freely on long stems of wiry stiffness, making a most effective and useful variety for cutting as well as garden. We recommend this.50

KAKADEE. *Peony.*

A hybrid of the greatest merit. A large free flowering, attractive variety, unsurpassed for freedom and continuity of bloom. A beautiful shade of lemon yellow, shading to white at tips. One of the best.50

KLONDYKE. *Peony.*

A beautiful orange buff; very long, erect stem; ideal, upright habit and free bloomer. One of the finest for cutting.50

LA FAVORITA. *Hybrid Cactus. Special.*

Awarded first prize for a vase of 12 blooms at the Oakland Dahlia Show in 1918, and first prize for a vase of the best established Dahlias, California origin, at the Palace Hotel Show in San Francisco, 1919. This splendid new variety resembles in form, type, growing and flowering qualities the yellow Dahlia, "Mrs. Richard Lohrman," except in color, which is a beautiful brilliant salmon; shading from a dark reddish salmon in the center to salmon-pink at the twisted points. Form perfect, showing a full center even late in the season. Each bloom carried on a strong stem. A first class cut-flower variety, which without any doubt will take its place alongside the very best Dahlias of recent introduction. 2.50

LEO XIII. *Peony.*

An enormous flower of attractive form and good stems that make this good for any purpose. A beautiful yellow and a free bloomer throughout the season50

LE GRAND MANITOU. *Decorative.*

One of the showiest and most sensational varieties. Color is pure white, being splashed, striped and dotted with a deep violet purple, making a grand appearance in the garden as well as cut. Large flowers and a very profuse bloomer75



MRS. EDNA SPENCER (*See page 22*)

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BETTER DAHLIAS

L. R. KESSING. *Decorative.*

Giant flowering. A truly wonderful Dahlia with a stout stem; color, water-melon red. Tubers, each. 2.00

LIBERTY. *Peony.*

A new novelty of enormous size, with a coloring that is a magnificent new shade of salmon scarlet. Produced freely and held very erect on long strong stems, making an ideal cut flower.75

LOTTA. *Peony.*

A very striking combination of orange yellow, light red and white. This is a very remarkable variety, and creates an exclamation of admiration from nearly all visitors to our show garden. Perfect form and habit. Measures average 7 inches across. Tubers. 2.00

MABEL. *Decorative.*

A light mauve. A lovely and useful variety. Freely produced on long stems. Good cut flower.75

MABEL B. TAFT. *Decorative. Special.*

1920 Introduction. Winner of the 1919 Gold Medal for the best 50 blooms of one variety. A beautiful decorative of apricot shading to yellow. Fine stems and a good flower for all purposes. This display of Dahlias was one of the leading features at the 1919 exhibition given at the Palace Hotel by The Dahlia Society of California. 2.50

MAD. VARD. *Peony.*

Striking shade of currant-red, streaked and shading to yellow in the center. Of good substance and erect stems.75

MADONNA. *Decorative.*

Silvery white flowers often over 8 inches across, with wavy and slightly reflexed petals, which is unusual and very attractive. Excellent upright, free flowering habit, having long stems with blooms perfectly erect. Has been a favorite with us.75

MAFEKING. *Peony.*

Of fine habit of growth with a beautifully formed bloom of distinct fawn color, delicately suffused with rose. Free bloomer and good stems.35

MAGNIFICENT. *Cactus.*

A magnificent California Dahlia that is more than the name implies. Beautiful incurved, long petals of a blending of apricot, copper and orange that cannot be described, making a truly magnificent flower of immense size on long straight stems. Fine habit and a very profuse bloomer throughout the season75

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BETTER DAHLIAS

MARGUERITE BOUCHON. *Cactus.*

A magnificent, large, full flower, center pure white, outer petals a brilliant, yet soft violet rose with distinct white tipping. Unrivalled.75

MARCELLA. *Decorative.*

This flower out-keeps any Dahlia we have ever tried for cutting and will become a favorite with florists. The color is a delightful soft pink, bright and attractive. It is far superior to Delice and will produce three times the amount of perfect blooms. The flowers set directly upright and show to the best advantage. Better stems could not be asked and the color is just what florists require in a pink flower.2.00

MARY PURRIER. *Cactus.*

A wonderful new Dahlia of rare merits. Its size is immense, long stout stems and a color of intense crimson scarlet. The petals are long and somewhat narrow, making a most pleasing form and a wonderful variety for exhibition75

MARYAN. *Decorative.*

A giant flowering Dahlia of recent introduction and much merit. Stock of this variety has been much improved by selection. Rich apricot, orange and buff shades. Very robust grower.1.50

MARABILIS. *Peony.*

A wonderful new Dahlia, which is especially fine for exhibition, as it will grow larger than any other variety we have when it is at its best. Various marked lemon yellow and white. The petals are twisted and curved.4.00

MARITANA. *Show.*

Lilac or mauve. Perfect type for exhibitions. One of the very best of this type1.00

MAUDE ADAMS. *Show.*

The color is a pure, snowy white, very effectively overlaid clear delicate pink. This wonderful variety is unsurpassed in quality, in every respect, in reality a model of perfection. As a florist's Dahlia it is destined to become one of the most popular.50

MEYERBEER. *Peony.*

A simply enormous flower of splendid coloring; purple, suffused crimson; very distinct and attractive. Stem is upright and stiff, making this a very good sort for cutting as well as exhibition.75

MINNIE BURGLE. *Decorative.*

A California seedling and one of the finest varieties to date. Flowers of large size and remarkable beauty of a glowing and most brilliant scarlet. Borne on long, wiry stems well above the foliage in great profusion.25

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BETTER DAHLIAS

MILLIONAIRE. *Decorative.*

A monster Dahlia of a daintiness of coloring that cannot be surpassed. A most delicate lavender with a faint pink cast overshadowing it. The depth of this flower with its many large finely shaped petals has never been equalled. When perfectly matured the center of the flower is a pure white. An unusual feature of this Dahlia is that the immense flowers are held erect on good stems 2.00

MISS STREDWICK. *Cactus.*

New incurved English variety that is a beauty. Soft yellow at base quickly changing to a lovely tint of deep pink, which again returns to a lighter shade at the tips of the florets. The form of the flower is excellent, the florets being beautifully incurved..... .50

MME. E. P. DE NORMANDIE. *Decorative.*

Silvery pink, shaded with lilac, large flowers of most distinct appearance, fine for cutting. It is often called the Pink Golden West and fully merits the title, as it is one of the most satisfactory dahlias..... 1.00

MME. J. COISSARD. *Peony.*

A pure cerise shading to white at center. Not a tall grower, but massed with flowers all season. Always a beautiful blossom and very much admired... .50

MORNING STAR. *Peony.*

This is one of the finest in the Dahlia world. Deep cherry red, often marked paper white, which is an added attraction in this variety. Always of large size and blooms freely..... .75

MONDSCHIEBE. *Peony.*

Gigantic golden yellow, carried erect on long stiff stems. A truly magnificent flower and undoubtedly one of the best yellows to date..... .50

MONS CAPRON. *Decorative.*

A Dahlia of unusual character, being a beautiful light maroon, edged with an almost invisible white, making this large bloom a charm that arrests attention on sight. Fine for exhibition..... .75

MONS LE NORMAND. *Decorative.*

This Dahlia is one of the good ones. A profuse bloomer on stiff stems with a remarkable color of bright yellow striped and speckled with red and often tipped white. A fine exhibition variety and a prize winner..... .50

MRS. F. C. BURNS. *Decorative.*

A novelty. This beautiful shell pink decorative is one of the best for all purposes and never fails to attract attention by its lovely coloring. A prize winner 1.50



F. W. FELLOWS (*See page 12*)

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BETTER DAHLIAS

MRS. DOUGLASS FLEMING. *Cactus.*

One of the best exhibition whites to date. The flowers are formed of very small long petals peculiarly twisted, making a very distinct and pleasing flower 75

MRS. R. LOHRMAN. *Hybrid Cactus.*

A pure golden yellow with a full center and immense size. A fine keeper. Its broad slightly twisted petals make this a very unusual form and a beauty for exhibition as well as cut. A California production..... 1.00

MRS. T. A. MUNRO. *Cactus.*

A giant Dahlia with blooms over nine inches that are beautiful amber color that shades to old gold. It has a perfect stem that most cactus Dahlia lack, holding same well above the foliage..... 1.00

MRS. ALBERTA LEMME. *Decorative.*

A very large flower of a beautiful velvety red and lovely form. Long stems and held gracefully above the foliage, making it very much admired by all. A California production with a great future..... 1.00

MRS. CARL SALBACH. *Decorative. Special.*

The 1920 sensational Decorative Dahlia which carried away First Honor in the D. S. of California Trial Gardens and received an American Dahlia Society Certificate of Merit at their Trial Gardens in Storrs, Conn., besides winning prizes at the two Dahlia Shows given at the Palace Hotel and Hotel Oakland, this past year. Lavender pink in color showing up well in the garden, as the immense blooms are held erect on long especially good strong stems. Being a perfect exhibition as well as cut flower, will make this wonderful Dahlia in great demand, as it is unusually good. Stock very limited.. 3.50

MRS. W. E. ESTES. *Special. Hybrid Cactus.*

This incomparable white Novelty of marvelous beauty is the largest and best snow white Dahlia grown. The immense bloom, with its petals deep and full, is held high above the foliage on a long strong stem, making a most excellent cut flower- For garden effects white flowers are essential to bring out the other colors. We have been more than gratified by the many glowing descriptions and the enthusiasm of our customers over this wonderful Dahlia. One admirer stated that when "Mrs. W. E. Estes" was grown en masse, the flowers were like "waving ostrich plumes." This Dahlia received a Silver Medal P. P. I. E., 1915, when a seedling. It ever since has been a prize winner, also winning first prize for being "The Best Dahlia in Show" exhibited by an Amateur at the Palace Hotel Exhibition..... 2.00

MRS. EDNA SPENCER. *Special. Hybrid Cactus.*

A new introduction. A flower of a delicate and exquisite shade of orchid pink. Very beautiful and of good formation and stems. Received Certificate of Merit at the Trial Gardens, San Rafael, California, 1917. A lasting cut flower of unusual color. This is one of the finest of Mrs. Edna Spencer's productions 1.50

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BETTER DAHLIAS

NARRAGANSETT. *Peony.*

This flower must be seen to be appreciated. It is a very finely formed full flower of a beautiful, rich shade of dark scarlet. It blooms very feebly and is a general favorite wherever exhibited. 75

NATALIE MAY. *Peony.*

Quite impossible to describe this flower of such unusual coloring. A deep burgundy with maroon suffusion, shading to a creamy tan at the edge. A very large flower with a cluster of tiny petals around the center. With its good stems this is one of the very best and nothing attracted more attention in our gardens. 1.50

NEVADA. *Decorative.*

One of, if not the best of all whites. Pure color, perfect form, large size, ideal growth, freedom of bloom and long stem make this new American Dahlia quite indispensable. 50

NIBULENGENHORT. *Cactus. Special.*

Another gigantic flower that is fine for both garden and exhibition purposes. A beautiful shade of old rose with a blending of salmon pink and apricot, that makes this one of the loveliest in cultivation. A very prolific bloomer with flowers that often measure eight inches. 75

NORAH LINDSAY. *Peony.*

One of the best and loveliest. Color a dove shading to pink, with a very fine form and a profuse bloomer. 50

OLD GOLD. *Decorative.*

New. A wonderful variety of old gold color with very little shading. Prolific bloomer throughout the season and a very much admired beauty. Something different 1.00

OREGON SUNSET. *Peony.*

No description can give you any idea of the beauty of this gorgeously colored, full petaled, Peony Dahlia. Immense blooms of rich golden yellow, heavily suffused and dusted orange crimson. A distinct, and simply irresistible combination of colors. Free flowering and a vigorous grower with long, stout stems 2.50

PAINTED LADY. *Peony.*

A grand garden plant and a very lasting cut flower. Pale rosy lilac; petals curled and slightly incurved; constant bloomer on very fine stems. 50

PAPA CHARMET. *Peony.*

A brilliant deep coral red overlaid with a darker shade of velvety maroon. Very free flowering and vigorous grower with heavy dark green foliage. Very good stems 50

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BETTER DAHLIAS

PIERROT. *Cactus.*

A unique and striking novelty in color, of unusual grace and refinement of form, being composed of very long, tubular narrow petals, which are of a deep amber color, showing white tips. It possesses an individual refinement different from all other sorts. A splendid garden variety and creates a furor wherever exhibited 1.00

PRIDE OF AUTUMN. *Decorative.*

No other variety in our gardens attracts more attention, owing to its distinct color and ideal, upright habit of growth. Blooms are of various autumn shades, running from golden buff through shades of salmon and terra-cotta to a coppery old rose, which blend beautifully in a bouquet. Flowers are large and bloom constantly. Long, wiry upright stems and lasting when cut. It is bound to be a great favorite with all who like the autumn shades. It is really a pleasure to grow this one—and it's different too..... 2.00

PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA. *Decorative.*

Awarded Gold Medal for best three-year-old seedling at San Francisco, 1917. Special award St. Francis show and silver medal by California Dahlia Society, 1917, in trial gardens. A cross between the famous Minnie Burgle and Souvineer Doazon, with the qualities of both parents combined. Color a crimson red, dark full center; huge flowers on perpendicular stems. Its keeping qualities as a cut flower cannot be excelled, and its productiveness make it an American Beauty among Dahlias..... 1.00

PRIMA DONNA. *Cactus.*

A new California production that is known as the cream of all cactus of this type. A wonderful flower of immense size and the color, a beautiful lemon cream, flushed with a very faint pink, make this one of the most sought varieties in the gardens. Of fine habit and beautiful form, held above the foliage on good stems..... 1.00

PRINCESS MARY. *Decorative.*

A new Holland variety of perfect, upright habit that carries a mass of flowers on extra strong stems. Very attractive pure, rich pink shade, margined with sulphur. An acquisition..... .75

PRINCESS PAT. *Decorative. Special.*

The Latest Sensation in Dahlias. A magnificent new decorative of a glorious shade of old rose. Flowers are very large and perfectly formed, growing well above the foliage with long stiff erect stems, 3 to 4 feet long, the best variety of this color in cultivation. One of the most beautiful varieties raised for exhibition purposes; has good keeping qualities and is always in demand as a cut flower. Awarded first prize for best 1917 seedling, 1917. First prize for best vase of 25 blooms, 1919 Exhibition, given by the Dahlia Society of California at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Bulbs ready for delivery April 1, 1920..... 2.50



ROSE (*See next page*)

Superior Dahlia Gardens

BETTER DAHLIAS

QUEEN ESTHER. *Peony.*

Color, DuBarry, that dazzling new shade of red. Enormous, full flower, small twisting florets in the center, gives it a unique appearance. 1.00

RHEINISCHER FROHSINN. *Cactus. Special.*

A most distinct and refined variety. The flowers are large and of splendid form; the long incurving petals are white at the base, but at about one-half their length they become suffused with and change to a luminous carmine-rose, the two colors combining harmoniously in forming a most attractive flower75

RICHARD BOX. *Cactus.*

This is a wonderful incurved cactus Dahlia that has been greatly admired both at exhibitions and in the gardens. Large flowers, moderately incurved of a clear light soft shade of yellow. Blooms constantly through the entire season75

ROSE. *Show.*

An exquisite ball Dahlia of wonderful form. Each petal though regularly placed, has inside two more that are smaller, giving the flower a new form that no other has. It is carried on long strong stems above the foliage and is of a bright lively carmine rose color.50

RUTH VAN FLEET. *Hybrid Cactus. Special.*

Clear light canary yellow. This is without doubt the finest yellow Cactus Dahlia ever introduced. The stems are extra long, often measuring 16 inches. The flowers are extremely large, measuring from 6 to 8½ inches in diameter and are held perfectly erect on its stiff, long stems. It should be seen to be appreciated. 2.00

SALOME JANE. *Decorative.*

Old gold, tinged with amber with broad twisted and recurved petals make this one of the most beautiful flowers in cultivation. 1.00

SCHONE HAMBURGERIN. *New Decorative.*

A novelty which has with us proven to be the one very best of all the autumn shade Dahlias, this variety in a class by itself, color a beautiful old golden ochre yellow suffused with bronze, free bloomer on long straight stems. . . . 2.00

SEA BRIGHT. *Decorative.*

This is a flower that has a grand habit and is admired wherever it is grown. Has extra long stiff stems that hold the blooms erect over the foliage. Grand as a cut or exhibition flower. The color is an apricot buff and is produced in great suffusion.50

SOUVINEER. *Show.*

A promising new variety, with large flowers of a rich crimson. Food form. . . .50

Superior Dahlia Gardens

BETTER DAHLIAS

SONNE VON FELLBACH. *Decorative.*

New. A grand novelty admired by all and a great flower for exhibition purposes. Very large, being eight to nine inches in diameter. Good form and a pleasing color of primrose yeulow. Prolific bloomer..... .50

STEPHEN LOMA. *Peony.*

A very pleasing dark magenta of Peony-flowered type. Very full toward center with nicely formed petals. Extra large size, with stout stems..... .75

SULPHUREA. *Decorative.*

One of the latest English decorative novelties. Large, clear sulphur yellow petals, which are narrow, slightly rolled and reflex, giving the appearance of a large comet aster. Good keeper on strong stems..... 1.50

SUNSHINE. *Decorative.*

A bright flame red decorative, a color very seldom seen in Dahlias, slightly suffused with yellow; flowers are very deep, held on good stems. Another Californian that is becoming very popular..... 2.00

SUSAN. *Show.*

A beauty. The most pleasing shade of silvery pink possible, even in nature. Besides being prolific, early and splendid form, the habit of growth is ideal.. .25

SWEET REMEMBRANCE. *Peony.*

A general favorite. Bright yet soft pink. This variety is semi-double, with a beauty that baffles description. Very free in bloom..... .35

SYLVIA. *Show.*

Soft mauve pink changing to white in center. A good bloomer. Fine for cutting25

TANGO. *Peony.*

A new Dahlia of wonderful coloring, consisting of a blending of bronze and salmon. It is a prolific bloomer of fine form with long stiff stems that make it fine for cutting..... .75

THE GRIZZLY. *Decorative.*

A dark maroon red decorative; without a doubt this is one of the best and most prolific Dahlias to date. Stems 3 feet long; plants grow 3 to 4 feet in diameter, flowers are extra large and reflexed, which makes it attractive. One of our best. A rare novelty. A prize winner..... 3.00

THE IMP. *Cactus.*

This wonderful Dahlia is best described as the black Dahlia, the color being as near black as we have ever seen in cactus Dahlias. An exceptionally good incurved form, with long claw-like petals that make a beautiful flower. The plant has a good habit and the flowers are large and best described as gorgeous75

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BETTER DAHLIAS

- TOM JONES. *Show.*
 Creamy yellow ground, edged and suffused with rose..... .75
- TOM LUNDY. *Cactus.*
 Tom Lundy is a California production and was the largest flower shown at the full Dahlia Show at San Francisco, 1918. One of the largest hybrids grown, of a bright velvet red held on good stems and a very prolific bloomer, No collection complete without this sensational novelty. First prize at P. P. I. E..... .75
- UNION JACK. *Cactus.*
 Bright red, shaded and tipped white. Without doubt the finest tipped variety in commerce. Very free flowering..... .75
- UNION JACK. *Single.*
 White, striped with red. Very unique and striking. This little gem always attracts attention35
- WACHT AM RHEIN. *Cactus.*
 One of the most beautiful Dahlias in our collection. It is a delicate shell pink with white suffusion that appeals to every one. It is an early, free and continuous bloomer, with flowers of good size and quality to the end of the season. One of our leaders for florists' use. Stiff wiry stems and fine for exhibition as well as garden..... .75
- WASHINGTON CITY. *Cactus.*
 The gigantic pure white star-like flowers of this variety were more greatly admired than any other Cactus Dahlia in our gardens last season. The stems are extra long, holding the immense blooms well above the foliage, stock limited, strong field tubers..... .75
- WARNEFORD. *Decorative.*
 New English variety of a pure, snow white, of most perfect form; long, wiry stems 1.00
- WODAN. *Cactus.*
 A hybrid of rare beauty and form. Large broad flowers frequently measuring eight inches. The graceful arrangement of its semi-incurved tubular petals of a pleasing, delicate, salmon rose color, blending to old gold at center completes this model of perfection. Of fine habit and good long stems..... .50
- W. W. RAWSON. *Show.*
 The superior features of this flower have been proven by its popularity, the short time it has been on the market. The petals toward the center are quilled, while the outer part is more open and flat. Pure white, overlaid with amethyst-blue. This combination gives the appearance of a delicate lavender. Flower 7 to 9 inches. Good stems..... .75

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BETTER DAHLIAS

YELLOW KING. *Hybrid Cactus.*

A huge hybrid. It is a pleasure to list this variety. The flowers are borne well above the foliage on extra stiff stems; with the color a beautiful yellow shading to lighter at the tips. One of the most attractive of all types. \$.50

COLLARETTES

GEANT DE LYON. *Collarette.*

An enormous flower of velvety maroon, with a long white collar. This is the Dahlia that made collarettes in California famous. To most people it is absolutely irresistible and is greatly admired by all. It blooms very freely and the demand for cut flowers is very great. \$.75

LEAH. *Collarette.*

Even visitors who were not admirers of this type had to stop and admire this gem. An extra large flower held erect on very stout stems. Deep crimson maroon, while the collar is white and maroon. Some flowers are heavily penciled lilac. One of the most lasting when cut. 1.00

MME. E. POIRIER. *Collarette.*

An ideal Dahlia that appeals to every one. Has excellent qualities, distinct color and perfect form. A beautiful deep velvety purple, suffused lighter which gives a violet effect, with a pure glistening white collar. \$.50

SILVER MEDAL. *Collarette.*

The most beautiful and stunning of all collarettes. The color is a crimson maroon, with each petal distinctly outlined in white, with a white collar in fine contrast. The stems, of course are fine. This is the most wonderful Dahlia to bloom we have seen, being a mass of flowers from beginning to end of season.

DANTE. *Collarette.*

Immense purplish crimson with a white collar. One of the largest and best to date \$.25

POMPONS

AMBER QUEEN. *Pompon.*

Rich, clear amber, shaded apricot, extra free-flowering; one of the very best. . . \$.35

GRETCHEN HEINIE. *Pompon.*

Creamy white, edged deep pink, giving the flower a changeable appearance. Very popular as a garden and cut flower variety. \$.50

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BETTER DAHLIAS

LEADER. *Pompon.*

An exceedingly neat, compact flower; of perfect form. The color combination is remarkable—a clear, lemon-yellow, very heavily tipped rosy-purple. An entirely new color. One of the best in existence..... .50

MAID OF ALL WORK. *Pompon.*

A miniature decorative form, very double and perfect. Wonderful free bloomer with long rigid stems and pure white color makes this a very desirable variety for cut or florists' use. Fine for large beds or borders..... .50

NELLIE BROOMHEAD. *Pompon.*

A deep mauve, always desirable. Long stiff stems..... .35

PURE LOVE. *Pompon.*

A very pleasing shade of soft lilac that is very distinct..... .35

TOMMY KIETH. *Pompon.*

A very deep red, splendid little flower on long stems..... .50



INTRODUCTORY COLLECTION

As we have a surplus in some of the finest varieties each year, we are selling an introductory collection of eight dahlia tubers, nicely packed and mailed any place in the United States.

If you have never grown dahlias, start now with this collection. We guarantee you to have a great value for your money, all varieties to be different, and no cheap, inferior singles are sent out, as we do not grow any poor varieties.

This offer is made to acquaint you with the most beautiful flowers of all times, that are easily grown, and a bouquet to cut every day for three months in the year.

Why not send your flower loving friends one of these collections for a present, as well as avail yourself of this opportunity.

Price each collection, prepaid.....\$2.50

DAHLIA SEED

Much pleasure can be derived from growing Dahlias from seed. These bloom the first year and are the means by which the finest novelties introduced were derived. These are easily grown and all will bloom in about eight to ten weeks from sowing.

We have some extra select seed hybridized by hand, from the very best of the newest California novelties, that we saved for planting ourselves. As we have a surplus this year, we are putting a limited amount on the market. We saved 30 per cent of the seedlings planted of this seed last year and as our contract for our seedlings, with one of the largest growers in America, expired last year, we will have some extra fine novelties to offer next year.

We advise ordering early to procure any of this.

Price per package.....\$1.00

CANNAS

After trying out numerous cannas we have decided to put the following four in our lists as the most desirable sorts and the very best and newest of the kind.

METEOR.

Magnificent bedding variety with massive erect trusses of deep blood-red flowers, produced with a freedom that leaves nothing desired for effectiveness. The best deep red large flowering canna 3 to 4 ft. each, 20c; per doz..\$1.50

ROSEA GIGANTEA.

Large flowers borne in such abundance that the mass of color is amazing. A deep, rich rose, almost a coral carmine; 3 ft. Each, 20c; per doz..... 2.00

YELLOW KING HUMBERT. (Queen Helene.)

This has proven so satisfactory that the demand for it will equal that of King Humbert. Produces yellow flowers dotted with red that are beautiful in the extreme. Admired by all. Each, 20c; per doz..... 1.50

HUNGARIA.

Large trusses of good sized flowers, freely produced. The color is a beautiful pink of peculiar refinement, 3 ft. Each, 15c; per doz..... 1.50
All four of the above for 60c.



Superior Dahlia Gardens

At the only Dahlia Exhibit in Los Angeles we ever exhibited, we took the following prizes:

Silver cup, value \$100.00, for the most meritorious exhibit.

First prize, best 50 blooms of any one kind.

First prize, best 12 peony Dahlia blooms.

First prize, best 12 cactus Dahlia blooms.

First prize, best 12 decorative Dahlia blooms.

First prize, best 6 show Dahlia blooms.

Second prize, best 6 collarette Dahlia blooms.

These were taken at the BROADWAY DAHLIA SHOW, given by The Southern California Dahlia Growers' Association, with the largest number of professional exhibitors that ever exhibited at any Dahlia exhibit in Class A in Southern California.

Also two top prizes this year at Riverside Fair, the largest fair held in Southern California.

We have never exhibited without winning many prizes.

So why not buy the best?

The following list of Dahlias comprises the cream of numerous varieties of commerce. They have been selected for superiority and purity of color, perfection of form, length of stem, continuous blooming, etc.

Referring to the descriptions in this list, there must be an allowance made for variation caused by different soils and climatic conditions.

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